

TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING #986
September 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order by K. Seeley at 10:07 AM with the following members present: Luke Day, DPW; Phil Krey, Engineering; Bill Berg, Councilman

Also attending: D. Correll, Retired BPD; B. Lescault, Traffic; Pat Torrico, DPW

Guests: Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk's Office; Max Alerin, Planning BU Intern; Cassandra and Neil Tompkins, citizens; Tito Martinez and Tarik Abdelazim, Planning

Approval of the minutes of Traffic Board Meeting #985 held on August 22, 2013

P. Krey made a motion to approve the minutes. B. Berg seconded the motion. - Unanimously approved pending requested changes.

OLD BUSINESS

Greyhound Station Parking

The Traffic Board received the attached correspondence from Peter Dewind , Sr. Asst. Attorney County for Broome County , requesting the removal of a section of the on street taxi cab zone on Chenango Street in front of the Greater Binghamton Intermodal Terminal, 95 Chenango Street and inserting a short term metered public parking in that area.

Mr. Dewind was in attendance at the July 25 Traffic Board meeting with George Slavik, owner of the recently opened Intermodal restaurant. Upon discussing the request with Mr. DeWind and Mr. Slavik at the Traffic Board meeting a concern was expressed that limited public access to the terminal could have a detrimental affect on the restaurant. It was also discussed that the taxi stand was very seldom occupied and that a zone a short distance north of the terminal would be adequate.

Mr. Dewind also inquired verbally and noted in the correspondence a request for the partial elimination of the Prohibited Parking Zone on west side of Chenango Street between Henry Street and the taxi cab stand and the insertion of an on street parking meter zone in that area. Mr. Dewind stated he was unaware of the past request to prohibit parking in front of the terminal so as to maintain the visibility of the original facade of the building but that is no longer requested.

The Traffic Division upon responding to the terminal to survey the request found no conflict with it other than the Taxi Cab Stands were occupied by several cabs. Photos of the cab stands are attached for review.

After presenting this request to the Traffic Board at its August 22, 2013 meeting the Traffic Division advised of its findings and noted that there was heavy usage by the cab's in the designated taxi zones and that complete elimination of it in front of the building may not be the best solution. The Board requested Traffic to meet with Mr. Slavik again and review an alternate plan with only partial elimination of that zone.

Revisited the subject area on September 11, 2013 to met with Mr. Slavik regarding his original request to move the taxi cab zone completely away from the front of the bus terminal (from 130' north of Chenango Street to 195' north) and instead insert a parking meter zone that would take up only a partial area of the taxi zone, it was agreed to.

With no objection to the one issue indicated above and with no other objection the Traffic Division therefore recommends that the Traffic Code be amended as follows:

Delete :**Section 23 – No Parking Anytime Zone**

Chenango Street – West Side – from Henry Street to 194 feet north
 Chenango Street – West Side – from 278 feet north of Henry Street to 394 feet north

Chenango Street - West Side - from 298 feet north of Henry Street to 449 feet north

Chenango Street - West Side - From 195 feet north of Henry Street to 252 feet north

Section: Section 22.5 D – Taxi Cab Standing Only

Chenango Street – West Side - from 130 feet north of Henry Street to 195 feet north

Chenango Street – West Side – from 252 feet north of Henry Street to 300 feet north.

Insert:**Section 23.3 - No Stopping Anytime**

Chenango Street – West Side – from Henry Street to 59 feet north.

Section 23 – No Parking Anytime Zone

Chenango Street – West Side – from 204 feet north of Henry Street to 252 feet north.

Section 22.5D – Taxi Cab Stand

Chenango Street – West Side – from 141 feet north of Henry Street to 204 feet north

Section 44 – One Hour Parking Meter Zone

Chenango Street – West Side – from 59 feet north of Henry Street to 141 feet north.

P. Krey made a motion to accept Traffic's recommendations which will reflect the Board's changes as indicated above. B. Berg seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

225 Front Street

P. Torrico noted that the signal light is on a continuous flash and has been for several weeks. He spoke to the Health Department employees and they reported that there haven't been significant issues since the light has been on flashing. The data seems to support the removal unless things change in the future due to new businesses opening in the plaza. Therefore the light is still on schedule for removal.

No Motion.**Traffic Signal Project (P. Torrico)**

P. Torrico reported that the light at St. Johns/Leroy is scheduled for removal in 5 weeks and the light at Conklin/Telegraph will be removed on 10/6/13. Signs with the removal dates will be posted 2 weeks prior to their removal. STOP will also be stenciled on St. Johns. Stop signs will be installed. A new controller upgrade will occur at the Chestnut/Leroy signal light. This will happen in the same time frame. Also, the signal at Riverside/Oak will be replaced. It was noted that many people have made complaints regarding the possible removal of the light at Leroy/Laurel. And it was recommended that there be a 4 way stop at Park/Morris.

L. Day made a motion to remove traffic signal at St. Johns/Leroy. B. Berg seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. There were 4 ayes and 1 nay.

L. Day made a motion to remove traffic signal at Conklin/Telegraph. P. Krey seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. There were 3 ayes and 2 nays.

27 Fairview (Lescault)

B. Berg reported that Corporation Counsel feels that there is no liability in putting up the requested guardrails in front of the home at this address. B. Berg will speak with Bill Barber in Parks and Rec about the installation.

No MotionCollier and Hawley Intersection

Signs will go up on 10/12 indicating that the signal light will be removed on 10/21/13.

L Day made a motion to remove the signal light. B. Berg seconded the motion. Unanimously approved..

NEW BUSINESSParking on Rutherford St.

Request for removal of No Parking sign and replace with Handicapped sign (either 1 or 2 of them). D. Correll told C. Tompkins that Traffic needs the request in writing. When Traffic received the request they will look into the matter.

No Motion.Riverside Dr and Complete Streets

T. Abdelazim reported on complete streets and the safety of pedestrians in the City of Binghamton. He noted that there is a great need for properly painted ladder crosswalks and proper curb cuts. L. Day suggested speed bumps on Riverside Dr to prevent speeding.

No Motion.Traffic Board Membership

K. Seeley brought up Traffic Board membership. L. Day feels that there should be more representation from each department specific to traffic safety. B. Berg stated that it should be dependent on the agenda topic. The department heads should appoint the appropriate staff member for each meeting.

No Motion.Handicapped Removal (200 Court St)

D. Correll reported that someone requested the removal of 2 handicapped parking signs.

**Delete: Section 22.3A2 _ Handicapped Parking Meter Zone
Court Street – South Side – from 48 feet west of Stuyvesant Street to 88 feet west.**

**Section 44 – One Hour Parking Meter Zones
Court Street- South Side – from 88 feet west of Stuyvesant Street to 134 feet west.**

**Section 23 _ No Parking Anytime Zone
Court Street = South Side - From Fayette Street to 46 feet east.
Court Street – South Side – From 66 feet east of Fayette Street to 156 feet east.**

**Insert: Section 23 – No Parking Anytime Zone
Court Street – South Side – From Fayette Street to 150 feet east of Fayette Street
Court Street – South Side – from 222 feet east of Fayette Street to Stuyvesant Street.**

Section 27 – Two Hour Parking Between 8:00AM and 6:00 PM Except Sundays and Holidays.

Court Street – South Side – from 150 feet east of Fayette Street to 222 feet east.

B. Berg made a motion to accept Traffic's recommendations. P. Krey seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Front/Main Light

P. Torrico received complaints that cars have to wait several light cycles to turn left on to Front St. C. Paddick will be asked to do a traffic count.

No Motion.

15 min parking on Laurel near Main St

K. Seeley was contacted by the owner of Laurel Mart. They are requesting 15 min parking to prevent bar patrons from parking for extended times. Traffic will look into this matter. K. Seeley will ask the owner for a request to be put in writing for Traffic.

No Motion.

46-48 Exchange

Superior Ambulance requested a No Not Block paint striping. Traffic will look into this.

No Motion.

Binghamton Club-No parking signs

The Binghamton Club requested that 2 No Parking signs be placed in front of their building due to a lack of visibility. Traffic will look into this.

No Motion.

L. Day made a motion to adjourn. B. Berg seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Kyle Seeley
Chairman - Traffic Board

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